

Dear FCC
Commissioners,
I am writing because
I am very disturbed
that Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

You, as the FCC,
must serve our
public interest.
Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

We all should be
disturbed by
Sinclair's actions
which show why we
need to strengthen
media ownership
rules, not weaken
them. They show why
the license renewal
process needs to
involve more than a
returned postcard.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
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